



St. Leo The Great

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Office Hours

Monday: closed

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday: closed

Sunday: closed

Lunch break: 12 noon- 1:00 pm

Daily Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 8:30 am

Wednesday: 7:00 pm

First Saturday: 8:30 am

Church Doors During the Day Open

Check our parish website or parish doors for the schedule.

Benediction and Adoration of the Eucharist

Friday: 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am and 11:00 am - with Children's Liturgy

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday: 9:15 am - 9:45 am

Saturday: 9:00 am - 9:30 am

Sacrament of Baptism

Please download the Baptism Information form from parish website and follow the instructions.

Sacrament of Marriage

The Archdiocese of Toronto requires that you contact your parish priest at least one year in advance. Please call the Parish Office.

Parish Registration

All families attending St. Leo's are requested to register with the parish. Registration forms are available in the vestibule of the church.

Altar Servers' Ministry

Altar Server practice and social every last Saturday of the month from 5:30 - 6:30 pm.

Altar Servers/ children serve the mass they attend. Arrive 15 minutes before your mass if possible. Please register children for this ministry at the Welcome Centre.

Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight: Larry Hallihan

lgba2008@yahoo.ca

Saint Vincent de Paul

President: Maureen Kerr

maureen.kerr100@gmail.com

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Catholic Women's League (CWL)

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416-435-6593

Prayer Group: Divine Mercy Lectio Divina

Wednesdays at 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm in the lounge.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Please contact the parish office to register for 2023/2024. The program runs from September to April on a weekly basis.

Local Hospitals & Emergency Pastoral Visits

There is a full-time Catholic priest assigned to these three hospitals at various times of the week: Oshawa, Whitby and Port Perry. Simply ask hospital staff to inquire as to whether Hospital Chaplain is present in the hospital or when he will be. If there is an emergency, please call St. Leo the Great Parish at 905-655-3286, ext.8

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Saturday, January 25th

4:30 p.m. In thanksgiving for 50 years of marriage-
Bernie Galicia

Sunday, January 26th

9:00 a.m. Living intentions of Tierney Family

11:00 a.m. † Nativida Bubutan

Tuesday, January 28th

8:30 a.m. † Innocenzo Mammone

Wednesday, January 29th

7:00 p.m. † Ella Drennan † Tereso & † Fatima
Dumon † Armenio Medeiros † Holy
Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, January 30th

8:30 a.m. † Innocenzo & † Vincenzina Mammone
† Attilio & † Maria Tuzi

Friday, January 31st

8:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Mass for Alphones
Arulnesan Family

Saturday, February 1st

8:30 a.m. † Edward Fox

Saturday, February 1st

4:30 p.m. Pro Populo

Sunday, February 2nd

9:00 a.m. † Margaret Wesley

11:00 a.m. † David Cullen

Sanctuary Light, week of February 1st

Alphones Arulnesan Family

For: Sanctuary Light Request.

For: Vigil Light for Mary.

For: Visiting Statue of Blessed Virgin Mary.

For a visit by the parish priest.

Make your request at the office

Link to our archdiocesan church second website:

<https://stleothegreatbr.archtoronto.org>

On this week @ St. Leo's Bulletin

- Donation Envelopes
- Faith Formation
- Building Maintenance Fund
- Knight of Columbus Valentine Dance
- Sacraments
- SSVP Christmas Thank You
- Catering
- Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

- Festival of Faith for Christian Unity
- Commemoration of International Holocaust Remembrance Day

Donation Envelopes

2025 envelope boxes are available at the back of the church, to your right. Ask for help if needed.

Faith Formation: Discernment of Spirits

On January 25th, in the Hall we will continue with our Faith Formation Discernment. The overview of all the lessons with a short description of each lesson are available on the Church's website under stleothegreat.ca/wordpress/Faith-formation/Discernment or simply www.stleothegreat.ca/wordpress/Dis. Join in and learn.

Building Maintenance Fund

We will have a second collection at all Masses the weekend of February 2nd for the Building Maintenance Fund.

Knights of Columbus

St. Leo's Knights of Columbus Valentine's Dance is on Saturday, February 15th, 2025 @ 6:45pm. Tickets are \$30.00 per person & are available before & after all Masses. No ticket sales at the door on Feb 15th.

SACRAMENTS

Registration & Info Session for First Holy Communion is on Friday, March 21 (5-6 pm).

Registration & Info session for Confirmation is on Friday, April 11 (5-6:30 pm). The following link will provide you with all the dates (registration, catechesis, confession and celebration) of both First Communion and Confirmation.

<https://stleothegreat.ca/wordpress/FCandC>

SSVP Christmas Thank you

We would like to express our heartfelt thank you for all the support received for our Christmas outreach program this year. We were able to provide assistance for Christmas meals and toys to 38 families, a total amount of \$3,425 distributed. We also distributed 20

gingerbread houses, which were donated by one of our parish's families. Thank you again.

CATERING

Franca Vasco, parishioner, would love to use her talents of cooking to do fundraising for our parish. For details and more information, please call Franca 905-621-9658.

Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

January 25th, 2025. The Conversion of St Paul is celebrated on January 25th and is recognized as one of the greatest events of the early Church. This is because prior to Paul's (previously Saul) conversion on the road to Damascus, he had persecuted Christians.

Paul's conversion was a revelation of such magnitude and depth that it changed everything he once believed about the world, himself in it, and about God. In his own words: 'through the law I died to the law, that I might live to God'. In other words, because he was a Jew, his experience of God in Christ utterly transformed his view of everything. He was on his way to Damascus to take up any Jews who confessed to following Jesus and bring them bound to Jerusalem. During this journey, he was surprised by a flash of white which blinded him. This flash was Jesus, and this encounter resulted in his immediate conversion to Christianity.

His notion that sin took advantage of the law made him realize that it was his own flawed understanding of the Law that made him a persecutor. Encountering Christ, 'undistorted' his faith and allowed him to understand rightly. Paul, then, does not 'convert' from Judaism to Christianity, but from his own flawed and distorted way of being 'under the law' to an authentic and liberating experience of the 'Law of love' revealed in Jesus.

This experience led him to convert disciples of Christ instead of persecuting them. He preached the gospel to everyone he came into contact with, orally and through letters. He was instrumental in spreading the word of Jesus and the Gospel.

Pope St. John Paul II comments on Paul's conversion experience:

"The central element of the whole experience is the fact of conversion. Destined to evangelize the Gentiles 'to turn them from darkness to light and from the

dominion of Satan to God, that they may obtain the forgiveness of their sins' (acts 26:18), Saul is called by Christ, above all, to work a radical conversion upon himself. Saul thus begins his laborious road of conversion that will last as long as he lives, beginning with unusual humility with that 'what must I do, Lord?' and docilely letting himself be led by the hand to Anaias, through whose prophetic ministry it will be given to him to know God's plan." – Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, Jan 25th, 1983.

Like Paul, all Christians are called to conversion. We are invited to recognize our own sins, seek forgiveness, and become new again. This is continually possible throughout the entirety of our lives, but we must work towards aligning ourselves with God.

<https://understandingfaith.edu.au/conversion-of-st-paul>

Festival of Faith for Christian Unity 2025

Reflection and Prayer, A Journey Through the Nicene Creed. Christians from various traditions in the Archdiocese of Toronto will celebrate the unity that we share in Jesus Christ throughout 2025 in the Greater Toronto Area and commemorate the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea.

All are cordially welcomed to join the neighbourhood events, for details, please see the main poster:

<https://bit.ly/FOF2025>.

Contact ecumenical@archtoronto.org or call 416-934-3400 ext. 527 for more information.

Commemoration of International Holocaust Remembrance Day

Monday, Jan. 27, 2025, 6 pm.

Venue: Danforth Multifaitth Commons, 310 Danforth Ave., Toronto, M4K 1N6

A vigil on the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, paying tribute to both survivors and liberators. We recommit ourselves to a culture of encounter, 'living in an open and neighbourly spirit, sharing our joys and sorrows, our human problems and preoccupations' (Dialogue and Proclamation, #42). This city-wide event is part of The Dialogue of Life "In Our Time," a commemoration marking the 60th anniversary of the Vatican Declaration on Interreligious Dialogue *Nostra Aetate*.




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